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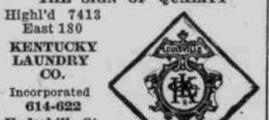
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Six Notre Dame priests will soon leave the university at South Bend, Ind., to serve as army chaplains, the Holy Cross congregation announcing that the prelates are ready for immediate service. Those prepared to take up war work when called are the Rev. Matthew Walsh, C. S. C., Vice President of the university and professor of history; the Rev. John McGinn, C. S. C., dean of the school of sociology; the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, C. S. C., poet, assistant editor of the Ave Maria and lecturer in English; the Rev. Ernest Davis, professor of chemistry; the Rev. Edward Finnegan, C. S. C., former prefect of discipline, and the Rev. George Finnegan, C. S. C., preacher of the Notre Dame mission band.

HURT BY FALL.

Joseph Fitzpatrick, a veteran printer and well known resident of Jeffersonville, suffered a fractured arm and dislocated arm by falling on the icy pavement at Spring and Maple streets. He is now at the home of his sister and will not be able to get out for some time.

ORPHAN SOCIETY ELECTION.

Tomorrow the various branches of the Catholic Orphan Society will hold their annual election of officers and Trustees to represent the branches on the Central Board. The Trustees will meet on the first Sunday in January and elect officers of the Central Board. On the third Sunday of the month the general meeting of the entire membership will be held and annual reports read.

COLORED ORDER'S JUBILEE.

The Order of Sisters of the Holy Family, founded for colored Sisters by Very Rev. Father Roussillon of New Orleans, observed its diamond jubilee recently at the mother house in New Orleans. These colored ladies follow the rule of the great St. Augustine for active orders in all its rigor. The novitiate lasts two years and six months, after which the Sisters renew their vows every year until the tenth year, when they make perpetual vows. They receive colored orphans not only from Louisiana but from every State in the Union and from South America, Mexico and Central America. They have a large convent and boarding school for those who come from every section of the New World where slavery never existed. They also conduct a large free school. They have found the true road and quietly, unostentatiously, by earnest labor and a right comprehension of the relation of the races, they are solving problems for which the students of social economy seek in vain for a remedy. They are now sending out their Sisters all over Louisiana in remote towns, and their work is destined to be a potent factor in the moral and intellectual advancement of their race.

VALIANT KNIGHTS.

The Knights of Columbus never merited their name more than in the present exigency of the nation. Knights indeed are they, every one! Noble, self-sacrificing and brave, they are doing great things for God and country. If they did nothing else than their present great work this mighty order would not have been founded in vain. It would seem that their zeal is never-ending. Work with them begets work; zeal improves zeal; effort renews itself in activity, until what they are doing, great as it is, is only a promise and a forecast of future mighty labors. The Knights of Columbus are proving themselves a credit to their church, a help to their country, an honor to the name they bear, and have every reason to feel

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE.

If a soldier or sailor is killed, and he has a wife and children, the Government will provide compensation for the wife, so long as she remains unmarried, and support for the children until they become eighteen years of age. These payments range from \$25 for a widow alone to \$57.50 for a widow and four children. If the man is totally disabled the Government will make a fixed monthly payment to him ranging from \$30 a month, if he is married, to \$75 a month if he has a wife and three or more children. Should he be so helpless as to require a nurse or attendant he will be given up to \$20 additional. Should he lose both feet, both hands or both eyes, or be permanently bedridden he will be paid \$100 a month, whether he is a bachelor or married.

EXEMPTED.

According to a decision rendered by the Commissioner General of Internal Revenue admissions to entertainments the proceeds of which are devoted to religious or charitable purposes are exempt from taxation under the war revenue act.

ELEVEN MASSES.

On a recent Saturday afternoon and evening at Camp Meade, Maryland, five priests were kept busy hearing confessions, and on the following day eleven masses were celebrated, at which a large number of the soldiers approached holy communion. Impart this news to the "Guardians" and other slackers.

BORE ALOFT RED CROSS FLAG.

One of the most important figures in the history of missionary effort in the United States is the saintly Bishop Baraga, who sacrificed a brilliant future in Austria in order to devote himself to the conversion of the Indians in the forest wilds of Michigan. Of late much has been written of the origin and history of the "Red Cross," and Catholic writers have pointed out the fact that as early as the sixteenth century St. Camillus of Lellis attached a red cross to the garb of the members of his community, who were engaged in caring for the sick and infirm. No mention, however, has hitherto been made of the fact that Bishop Baraga, when he plunged into the wilderness in 1830, bore aloft a banner which must have been quite similar to that of the Red Cross of today. We are indebted for information concerning this fact to the first Bishop and Archbishop of Milwaukee, Msgr. J. M. Heeni, who writes in his treatise, "A Glance Into the Ohio Valley": "This excellent missionary hastens from forest to forest, from lake to lake, bearing in his hand a white flag with a red cross, to announce his arrival as the servant of the crucified God." In this manner this distinguished missionary bore the banner of the Red Cross to a race of people who, generally speaking, have received but little benefit or kindness from the white man. And that thirty years before the introduction of the Red Cross by the Geneva Conference. It seems strange indeed that the Red Cross should claim exclusive right to this symbol, in view of the many proofs of its use in the church as a symbol of a spirit of faith-inspired sacrifice.

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When blankets have become too thin for ordinary use they can be pressed into further service by putting two or three together and covering them with sateen to make quilts. To keep them in proper shape they should be buttoned down here and there like mattresses. A frill of sateen makes a nice finish.

PIPED THAT COSTS.

A colored preacher had just concluded a sermon on "Salvation Am Free" and announced that a collection would be taken up for the benefit of the parson and his family. A member of the congregation objected to the paradoxical nature of the proceedings and received this bit of Negro logic in response: "S'pose yo' was thisty an' come to a river. Yo' could kneel down an' drink yo' fill, couldn't yo'? An' it wouldn't cost yo' nothin', would it? Dat water would be free. But s'posin' yo' was to hab dat water piped to yo' house, yo'd have to pay, wouldn't yo'? Well, brudder, so it is wid salvation. De salvation am free, but it's de habbin' it piped to yo' dat yo' got to pay fo'."

GENERAL A CATHOLIC.

Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander, is a convert to the Catholic church.

VISITING WINTER RESORTS.

Col. James P. Whalen left Tuesday for an extended trip through the South. He will spend several weeks in various winter resorts before returning home.

SECOND TO BISHOP.

The Vicar General of a diocese is, as it were, the Bishop's assistant. He is the highest official in the diocese next to the Bishop; with certain limitations his authority extends to all cases of the Bishop's ordinary jurisdiction, so that the Vicar General is called "one person" with the Bishop. The office is established by the law of the church, but the Bishop selects his own Vicar General.

MIDNIGHT MASS.

Permission for the celebration of midnight mass Christmas morning in the archdiocese of New York has been granted by Cardinal Farley and His Eminence has sent a letter to all of the clergy, the dominant note in which is the war, the duty of Catholics to pray for the success of the nation, but above all to pray for peace. The faithful may receive holy communion at this mass and in the parishes where the congregation is extra large a second mass may be celebrated. Here in Louisville a midnight mass is said yearly at the Sisters of the Poor on Christmas morning.

HINTS ON STYLE.

The smartest collars are very narrow. Conservative costumers frown upon the bustle. Upon little coiffes, in bolero form, are quite fashionable. The complete dress has taken a definite place in the wardrobe. High-neck dresses are being featured to a considerable extent. White wash satin collars are the vogue. They are dressy and launder beautifully. Tunics are extensively utilized for the more dressy toilets and are shown in very graceful and attractive ways. Collars of finely tucked wash net are quite new, and are very attractive over a dark dress. The prevalence of fancy soft crowns and the use of tinsel brocades for these and for whole hats is a notable development of the season. Hats of this sort worn with an inconspicuous suit have considerable value in giving the needed emphasis to the "toute," as the French say.

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